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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6828

BILL NUMBER: HB 1719

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Student Instructional Days.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Thompson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows the governing body of a school corporation to adopt a school calendar that has at least 170 and not more than 179 student instructional days (currently, a minimum of 180 student instructional days are required) if the total number of student instructional minutes conducted equals or exceeds certain minimum standards.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The impact would depend on the number of schools that elect the minute requirement instead of the current 180 instruction-day requirement but might not meet the required instructional minutes and therefore have their August tuition support reduced. The reduction would probably be minor.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill would allow schools to modify the school calendar from the current 180-day minimum school year to a calendar with an instructional minutes requirement depending on the number of days the school is in session. The following chart compares the current minimum 180 instructional days requirement to the proposed instructional minute requirement.

	Days	Elem Mins	Eqv Days	Avg Hrs Per Day	High School Mins	Eqv Days	Avg Hrs Per Day
Current	180	54,000		5.00	64,800		
Proposed	179	54,150	180.5	5.04	64,980	180.5	6.05
	178	54,300	181.0	5.08	65,160	181.0	6.10
	177	54,450	181.5	5.13	65,340	181.5	6.15
	176	54,600	182.0	5.17	65,520	182.0	6.20
	175	54,750	182.5	5.21	65,700	182.5	6.26
	174	54,900	183.0	5.26	65,880	183.0	6.31
	173	55,050	183.5	5.30	66,060	183.5	6.36
	172	55,200	184.0	5.35	66,240	184.0	6.42
	171	55,350	184.5	5.39	66,420	184.5	6.47
	170	55,500	185.0	5.44	66,600	185.0	6.53

The bill could reduce local school expenditures depending on if a school chooses to reduce the number of instructional days in the school calendar. Schools spend about \$2.8 M per day to transport students to school during the 2008 school year. Schools might also have reduced utilities and school lunch expenditures if the number of days are reduced.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local schools.

Information Sources: Department of Education databases.

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